

COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

- COURSE:** TEXAS BREATH ALCOHOL TESTING PROGRAM:
BREATH TEST OPERATOR COURSE (INTOXILYZER
OPERATOR COURSE)
- DATE:** November 17 – 21, 2008
- TIME:** 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- LOCATION:** BREATH ALCOHOL TESTING LABORATORY- NORTHEAST
REGIONAL COMMAND COMPLEX- Suite D (Located behind
the library, right across the ATM machine)
- INSTRUCTORS:** Socorro Castaneda, Martha Mendoza, Dolores Reyes,
Andres Ortega, Rod Liston, Jesus Herrera.
- DESCRIPTION:** The 40 hour course will certify the officer as a Texas Breath
Alcohol Program Intoxilyzer Operator. Breath test operators
are called upon to administer breath alcohol tests to subjects
arrested for DWI related offenses. Officers are expected to
be experts in the administration of the breath alcohol test; to
apply their skills and knowledge in this task; and to explain
testing procedures to courts and juries. Breath test operators
frequently testify in criminal and civil (ALR) courts and must
strictly follow The Texas Breath Alcohol Testing Program
Rules and Regulations. Yearly re-certification is required
plus an 8 hour class every two years.
- Eligibility:**
- Applicants must currently be off probation
 - Applicants must submit a memo of approval from their Shift
Lieutenant, signed off by Station Commander, stating how
their acceptance to the program would benefit their local Law
Enforcement's DWI enforcement program.
 - Applicants should be assigned to patrol or traffic divisions.
 - Applicants must not have a history of DWI breath test
refusals within the past ten years, or prior convictions, or
deferred adjudications.
 - Applicants must show that DWI arrests are part of their
regularly assigned duties. Their law enforcement agencies
must be part of a certified breath alcohol-testing program. In
addition, applicants must have the approval from their area
Technical Supervisor to attend the course (Approval Letter).

Class requirements:

Officers must consent to sign a release of liability form at the beginning of the course.

Officers will be dosed to reach an alcohol concentration of approximately 0.080 as part of their training (Some exceptions apply).

On the day of the drinking exercise, the officer must commit not to drive until the following day.

The officer must make arrangements for transportation to his home on the day of their drinking exercise. The officer must notify the instructor of his need for transportation.

ABSOLUTELY NO WEAPONS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM AND IN THE LABORATORY DURING THE DRINKING EXERCISES.

At the conclusion of the course, the officer must pass a state exam with a minimum score of 75. A representative from the Office of the Scientific Director in Austin, TX administers the final exam. The officer is also required to take a laboratory practical exam and receive a 100% score.

Homework and study will be required.

Class limit: 18 students per class.

THIS COURSE CAN CLOSE AT A MOMENTS NOTICE SINCE IT IS OPENED TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE COUNTY.

COST FOR THIS CLASS: \$200 per person (Payment is due on first day of class). Please make checks payable to EPPD-BATP.

AFTER SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR NAME, PID # AND DATE OF BIRTH AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO ANTONIO QUINONEZ, TRAINING TECH, EL PASO POLICE ACADEMY, BY OCTOBER 31, 2008. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST IN DEPARTMENT LETTERHEAD FORMAT. THE LETTER CAN BE FAXED TO THE POLICE ACADEMY AT (915) 562-4663.